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SUBJECT: 28TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY: ARAB/ISRAELI

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1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH DG MAHLER, U.S. EXECUTIVE BOARD DESIGNATED MEMBER EHRLICH APPRISED OF CURRENT SECRETARIAT VIEW MIDEAST ISSUE.

2. MAHLER STATES THAT EGYPT NOT REPEAT NOT LOOKING FOR CONFRONTATION AT THIS TIME. CURRENT PLAN IS TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION A) CONDEMNING ISRAEL, B) SEEKING EARLY ADMISSION OF THREE MEMBER ASSESSMENT TEAM AND C) ASKING WHO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

3. MAHLER STILL PLANS TRIP TO ALGERIA TO IMPRESS ON THEM IMPLICATIONS OF ARTICLE 7 ACTION WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN FURTHER EFFORT TO INSURE A MODERATE APPROACH BY ARAB BLOCK AT WHA.

4. MAHLER EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT STRONG ISRAELI EXPLANATION OF REFUSAL TO ADMIT THREE MEMBER TEAM AND WILLINGNESS NOW TO ACCEPT TEAM WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL PRODUCE ARAB REACTION
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LEADING TO APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 7.

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5. RE REFTEL PARA 2, COMMITTEE REPORT WILL ONLY BE FACTUAL PRESENTATION OF CURRENT SITUATION WITHOUT RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. WHEN ASKED BY EHRLICH WHAT POSITIVE ROLE U.S. MIGHT TAKE AT THIS TIME, MAHLER INDICATED THAT ANY APPROACH TO ARABS COULD SERVE TO STIMULATE MORE AGGRESSIVE STANCE. WITH PREPARATIONS FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, NO ACTION AT THIS TIME APPEARS TO BE BEST STRATEGY. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ISRAELIS WERE FULLY AWARE OF THE DELICATE NATURE OF THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO WHA.

7. MAHLER AGREED TO KEEP U.S. FULLY INFORMED IF SITUATION CHANGES OR IF IN HIS JUDGEMENT ACTION BY U.S. INDICATED. ABRAMS

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